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National Night Out Brings Allandale Out, Together

Laura Beck

As we are going to print, we were celebrating National Night Out (NNO), Tuesday, October 6, a two-month delay here in Austin from the national celebrations in August across the US. We appreciate an opportunity to all get together as neighbors, and at about 10 degrees cooler!

During NNO, residents in neighborhoods throughout Austin and the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics. Pictures from different NNOs across Allandale –over 17! – appear later in the newsletter! Thank you, Laura DiCarlo, Allandale Neighborhood Watch Coordinator/Safety Chair, for helping coordinate all our gatherings, and for getting our local police and fire department representatives out to visit us too! ❖

Upcoming in the Hood – ANA Value Continued!

ANA EC

We have just completed another year in Allandale (our ANA fiscal year calendar runs from October 1 to September 30). In the past year, we really tried to bring more to you, more programming, more value. We are trying to earn your $15 a year membership!

We've had workshops on tree pruning, CPR, safety, property taxes, and energy and water conservation. We just held a composting workshop in mid-September. We coordinated the neighborhood-wide garage sale in May, and the always-memo-

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Fall Fun in the Hood!

Laura Beck

Cooler temperatures and Halloween on a Saturday this year should be enough to make everyone pretty fired up, but there's more!

On Saturday, October 24, from noon to 4:00 p.m., Gullett Elementary, right on Treadwell off of Shoal Creek Boulevard, will be holding its annual fall carnival, Gullett Fest. This is an open event for the community, the neighborhood, and for kids of all ages. There are many games and activities for little ones, as well as more challenging games with great prizes for older kids. The giant hamster balls,

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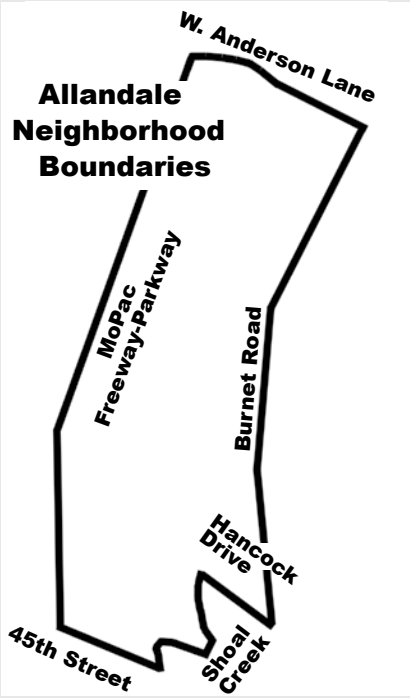

President's Letter

Mike Nink, (512-656-0058, allandale.neighborhood@gmail.com)

Since 1973 the ANA has worked to maintain the schools, parks, and safety of this area. The volunteers who serve on the ANA organize the events you enjoy such as the Forth of July Parade, neighborhood garage sale, and Picnic's in the Park but they also work tirelessly and spend many hours behind the scenes in meetings with the City and other neighborhoods in order to stay abreast of the latest that could and will impact our neighborhood.

The look and feel of Allandale is changing. Since my wife and I moved to Allandale in 2005 I've witnessed a long list of debates that include Wal-Mart, Curb Islands, VMUs, and MacMansions. In each case our neighborhood was able to find a compromise and assert our greater influence to affect change. Our neighborhood association worked with City of Austin zoning, developers, and our very neighbors to craft a neighborhood that we're proud to call home. As we have seen with the PUDs that are bordering our neighborhood the debates will continue long into the future.

We need to you as a member of ANA but more importantly we need you to step forward and volunteer so we can continue to represent the basic building blocks of a neighborhood, that place where you can walk at dusk, ride your bike, swim, throw baseballs, and generally contribute to the stability of the core of Austin. I look forward to serving you in the coming year. ❖

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7th, from 9AM to 2PM at Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow. All profits go to charities.

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Meet Your New ANA Executive Committee (EC)

Laura Beck

We've already talked about how your ANA EC works for you and thanked Kata Carbone for her service to the ANA, especially this past year as president. We also thank other outgoing EC members, Anetta Paver, Jennifer Paris, and Nathan Vassar (who was amazing in all his efforts for Allandale around zoning!). Staying on board for another year are Caroline Reynolds, Steve Neel, Laura Beck (communications, secretary), Elliot Brubaker (treasurer), Marshall Thompson (VP) and Mike Zink, who is taking on the role of president.

We are thrilled to have four new neighbors join the ANA EC! Welcome Preston Scott Ehlers, Jean Latsha, Kyle McAden, and Carla Penny, who all join as EC at large. All 10 EC members are at your service until September 30, 2016. Let's get to know a few of the new additions!

Jean Latsha

- Jean has been involved in affordable housing development since 2005. She worked with the Cesar Chavez Foundation, focusing on the development of affordable housing development in Texas. She worked with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in 2012, focused on multi-family funding sources administered by the agency. She is currently the Land Acquisition Manager for Pedcor Investments.
- Jean, originally from Houston, has lived in Austin for over 15 years, and her husband is almost a native Austinite.
- They have lived in Allandale since 2012, with one bad dog and two not-so-bad kids, a son, and a daughter who just started kindergarten at Highland Park Elementary.
- Jean runs when she can and tracks her car when she can, and she roots for the Astros in the summer and the Longhorns in the winter. Her door is always open, and there is (now, yay!) always Blue Bell in the freezer!

Carla Penny

- Has lived in Austin 36 of the last 45 years and has lived in Allandale since 1992.
- Is the principal owner and senior consultant of New Logic Organizational Learning, a small organization development consulting firm that works primarily with municipal government and non-profit organizations to better utilize their human capabilities and fiscal resources.

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- In addition to her professional work, Carla has served as the chair for the Economic Security, Employment and Low Income Issues committee of the AARP National Policy Council and as a member of the AARP Texas Executive Council.
- She currently serves on the Board of the Friends of Austin Animal Center and is a contributor to a work group of the City of Austin Commission for seniors. Carla also volunteers as a cat fosterer, community cat trapper (for trap-neuter-return) and treatment team lead at The Austin Animal Center. ❖

Rep. Elliott Naishtat Helps Kick Off 2015 Scout Popcorn Sale

Pack 413 Cub Scout George Finger (L) and Troop 1936 Boy Scout Wyatt Hansen (R) make their first sale from the 2015 Scout popcorn sale, thanks to Rep. Elliott Naishtat. (photo: Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America)

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Allandale Eating: Even More Hipster!

Laura Beck

Editor's Note – well done Robert Mace! I've heard from more than one person who tried the taco-donut hybrid from Donut Taco Palace III mentioned in your Tour de Taco article from last issue! They owe you commission!

First: Welcome Chi'lantro!

Another famed Austin food truck has set up its brick and mortar location right in the hood! Chi'Lantro took over the Man Bites Dog location (which gave me more tears for yet another hot dog stop no longer in the hood, our family mourned a bit with the closing of Dog Almighty years ago, but that's neither here nor there…) Right away, Chi'lantro is not for the mild eaters among us. It packs a punch! But mmmmm. The Kimchi Fries are their

claim to fame, and whether you had pork or steak or chicken, they are equally awesome! Never ever go there without ordering Kimchi Fries, too.

K-Pops are Korean fried chicken wings, and I dare say my husband is a bit of a wing connoisseur. He says "those are real good, I like 'em, I really like those" which is truly the highest praise from the man of few words. Last visit we tried the dip set so we could sample the guac, queso and yummyyyy esquites which is grilled corn, cotija cheese, Korean pepper and magic sauce. Magic indeed– esquites is so good! As are the other starters. I've had the soy glazed chicken tacos too, and my friend for that lunch had the marinated tofu tacos, which she liked. Not a single item has disappointed us adults. But again, this is spicy business, so a bit too much flavor for my kids. Keeping that in mind, get to Chi'lantro soon!

Next: Lick North

As if we couldn't get cooler, the north location of Buffalina, which was just voted Austin's best pizza by Austin Monthly, is opening very soon, along with Barley Swine north. Just opened in the same strip mall is Lick, high end ice cream. I read recently that Hipsters LIKE to pay a lot for their food. I guess so! At $3.88 for a small (two scoops), it makes Amy's seem the neighborhood bargain. But tip– you CAN get one scoop, just ask!

The 10-year-old cannot talk enough about Texas Au Lait, the coffee flavor (I fear for our future and her caffeine intake) that also has pure cane syrup and Mexican vanilla. My husband has twice now gotten the Caramel Salt Lick which is a great mix of salty and sweet.

So, after all their hype, we biked over one night so I could try it myself, and I sampled away– after all, it's my job! Too Hot Chocolate has a kick. At first, just yum with honey and cinnamon, but then the chipotle and cayenne pepper kicks in. Lemon Lavender was great, light, refreshing, very summer-time. Didn't taste like perfume at all. Honeyed Peaches with Rosemary was also sweet summertime. Roasted Beets and Fresh Mint was also better than expected, didn't mind it one bit. Blushing Blueberry was delish, and with a splash of Genius Gin, even more delish. And for the vegan and/or lactose free fans, there were four options when we were there, all coconut milk based. I tried Coconut Peanut Butter Chocolate Swirl. Not too shabby!

What did I decide on ultimately? Texas Sheet Cake, which truly tastes like its name, with a swirl of chocolate pecan icing through chocolate ice cream. Yes, please, and thank you!

I fear for my waistline with these new additions to Burnet Road. Knowing that Church's Chicken is also getting an upgrade keeps me concerned! Happy Eating Allandale. ❖

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Bug Off! Clothes Moths

Wizzie Brown

Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case-making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source.

- To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:
  - Locate & remove any infested items. Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics
  - Launder or dry clean clothing
  - Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing
  - Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items
  - Thoroughly clean storage areas
  - Store clothing in tightly sealed containers
  - Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths. Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective, and vapors lose potency quickly
  - Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects
    - Read and follow all label instructions
    - Use only in sealed areas or closed containers
    - Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics
  - Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques
    - Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide
    - Allow area to completely dry before returning items

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512-854-9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com. ❖

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Neighbor Spotlight: Pauline Urbanek

Alyssa Sparks, Gullett Fifth Grader and Pauline's Neighbor

Pauline Urbanek has lived in Allandale for many years. She still loves it as she did when she moved here. Pauline and her husband Alton had two sons, Gordon and Brian, who grew up in the neighborhood. They attended a variety of schools: Wooten, Lucy Read, Lanier and Anderson.

Pauline first moved here in 1966. She still lives in the same house they built at that time. She has lived in Allandale for 49 years! When they built the house, there were only three houses on Whitepine. At that time there was no MoPac. Foster Lane, at the north end of our neighborhood, hosted a riding stable! By the riding stable there was a farm. Anderson Lane was a dirt road. Back then, you could drive west on Whitepine right across the railroad tracks and out to the road that has now become Mopac. There were not a lot of cars, so her kids played in the street. There also were no trees on our street. One thing that has remained the same is that the Lucy Read school was already there back then.

What Pauline loves about Allandale is that it is very convenient to most places. There is a grocery store right around the corner from her house along with many other stores. It is a short drive so she doesn't have to go out of her way to get something she needs. She really just likes that we have such a nice neighborhood.

One memory Pauline has is when one of her sons, on his way to school, found five dollars in an empty lot across from her house, where my house now stands. That was a lot of money back then! Her son told the teacher and the teacher told him to go tell his mother. When he told Pauline, she didn't believe him so she punished him. Later that day a man came and claimed the money that he said was his son's, so her son had been telling the truth!

Pauline worked at the DPS (Department of Public Safety) as a computer operator and her sister-in-law and mother watched her kids while she worked. One day Bryan, her younger son, called her while she was at work. He told her he was at the corner store and he was lost. Pauline left work and went right over to find him. She found him happily sitting in the toy section looking at toys and her mom was still in the store!

Pauline is wonderful and friendly. She sits out front with her two dogs and has a large number of lawn chairs, inviting neighbors to come join her. Her house has become a meeting spot on the street, allowing neighbors to meet each other and to take a few minutes to slow down, sit, talk, watch the kids play, and enjoy being outside in our now-tree-filled neighborhood. ❖

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Gullett Good News

Debbie Trominski

You see from the article by Alyssa Sparks, we have pretty cool kids at Gullett! Gullett is a school like no other place and our great little school is 59 years old this year! Keep your eyes peeled for 60th anniversary celebrations to happen next year. Our school mascot hasn't always been the Geckos; in the past we've been known as the Gullett Gophers and Gullett Gators. What wonderful alliteration! Since Geckos are commonly found in Austin, unlike gators and gophers, I think the current mascot has some real staying power.

The school is getting better with age, and for its 60th birthday Gullett will be getting a new library. A major expansion is planned to begin this spring and wrap up the following spring. Given the warm and lively ambience of the current library, I'm confident the new one will be simply amazing.

The Gullett Fest is fast approaching– it will take place on Saturday, October 24, from noon to 4:00 p.m. This year will feature a wristband option that will allow the kids full access to all the attractions and games. Each band is $25 and can be purchased in advance or at the event. Individual tickets will also be available for 50 cents each. Please keep in mind that food will be sold on a cash only basis.

If you've been to Gullett Fest, you already know that the haunted house is one of the very best attractions. This year the 5th graders are going to kick up the fright several notches and will be hosting a nighttime version of the Haunted House from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. on October 24. The evening event is expected to be even more sinister than the daytime option. Wristbands won't get you into the evening version; you'll have to scare up some cash, four dollars per visit.

As the school year has gotten underway, our Geckos have been busy after school expanding their horizons. Dozens of extracurricular activities, known as Great Learning Opportunities (GLO) are available to the students. Many Geckos have been spending time after school to learn more about an array of fun activities including movie making, sports, Spanish, science, culture and art. These Geckos of ours are certainly well rounded!

Lots of fun is slated for November. Of note, Wednesday, November 11 is a student holiday and there will be no classes held that day. Leading up to Thanksgiving is the Scholastic Book Fair that will take place in the school library from the November 16 – 20. And a cherished favorite is the annual Thanksgiving luncheon in the school cafeteria on Thursday, Novem-

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AVG DAYS ON MARKET	45	20	32
AVG $/SQ FT	$207	$235	$255
MAX PRICE SOLD	$735,000	$790,000	$856,250
MIN PRICE SOLD	$184,500	$277,500	$300,000

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ber 19. Parents are encouraged to join their kids for a rather tasty turkey meal and pumpkin pie. School is closed November 25-27 for Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events:
Fall Fest: Saturday, October 24 – noon to 4:00 p.m.
Evening Haunted House: Saturday, October 24 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Veterans Day / Student Holiday: Wednesday, November 11
Scholastic Book Fair: Monday, November16 – Friday, November 20
Thanksgiving Lunch: Thursday, November 19
Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27 ❖

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All About Lamar

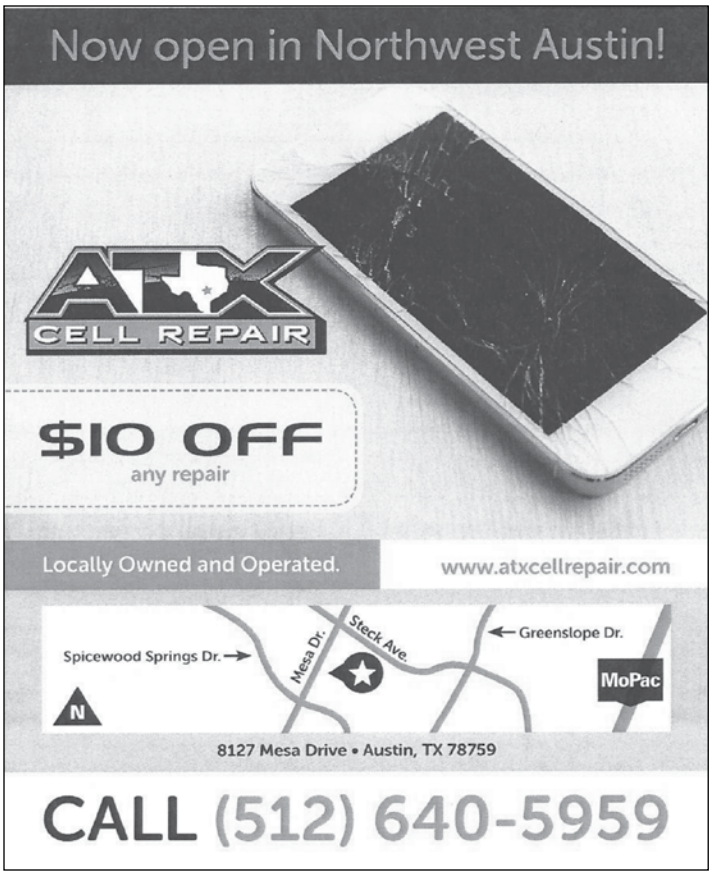
Gina Ross

It's been a busy start to the year at Lamar Middle School and Fine Arts Academy! Lamar welcomed a new class of 340 6th graders, bringing our total enrollment to 980! The halls are bustling with the energy and enthusiasm of these new and returning students as we kick off the new year.

We are so excited about the new four-way stop sign at White Rock and Wynona that we know will ease some of the safety concerns around the area. As always, please be aware of our Lamar students, particularly in the mornings at drop off time and the afternoons as they are leaving school. We know that 980 middle schoolers coming to and from school and activities can present a challenge for surrounding neighbors trying to get to work. We ask that you always keep in mind that the safety of these kids is our community's #1 priority!

Are you ready for LamarFest! Our annual fall carnival will be on November 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is the only PTA fundraiser this year. As always, we will have great food and live music! Booths will include laser tag, a bungee trampoline, a Gyroscope and SO MUCH MORE! This year we are adding the "Wrecking Ball," Omega Course and Bungee Run as well as the super popular henna tattoos done by our very own Lamar students! Unlimited play wristbands or individual tickets are available. It will be great fun for the whole family so we hope to see you there!

If you are interested in sponsoring LamarFest, please contact Robin Stone or Kim Vaughan at lamarfestsponsors@gmail.com. Sponsors will be recognized on our marquee and will have the opportunity to hang a sign on the fence along Burnet Road for an entire year! This is a great advertising opportunity for our local businesses! Thanks for supporting Lamar ❖



It's Knight Time – McCallum Updates

Late start Dates: October 22 and November 5
Student Holiday: Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday: November 25 – 27
General Calendar Link: http://www.austinschools.org/campus/mccallum/2015-2016%20AUSTIN%20ISD%20CALENDAR.pdf.

Come explore some of the many fine arts performances available this fall/winter season!
October 15 – October 25: Musical: Sondheim on Sondheim at McCallum Arts Center
An intimate multi-media look at the Father of the Modern Musical, featuring new arrangements of his most beloved work. October 15, 16, and 17 at 7:00 p.m., and October 18 at 2:00 p.m.
2015-2016 Theater Brochure: http://mactheatre.com/files/2015-16_Season_Newsletter.pdf.

Other Mac Fine Art Events Upcoming:
October 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Drumline Performance – Hyde Park Fire Station Festival Parade
October 20: UIL Region 18 Marching Contest – Burger
October 24: UIL Area Marching Contest at Gupton Stadium
October 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: orchestra concert (MAC and Lamar) in MAC
October 29, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.: orchestra and guitar concert in MAC
October 31, 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.: Disney Princess Tea Party fundraiser – presented by musical theater in cafeteria
November 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: fall dance performance in MAC
November 10, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.: percussion concert with TCU in FABT
November 12, 13, 14, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., and November 15 at 2:00: choir cabaret in MAC
November 13, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.: MAC Percussion Performing at Percussive Arts Society International Convention at San Antonio Convention Center
November 17 and 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.: piano recital in MAC
November 21, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.: talent show in MAC
November 23, 7:00 – 9:30: Knights of Steel Dessert Concert in Cafeteria
December 2, 7:00 – 8:30: dance informal performance in field house
December 3, 7:00 – 9:00: Battle of the Bands in MAC
December 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.: ACMC in MAC
December 7, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.: band holiday concert in MAC

December 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: orchestra class concert in MAC
December 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: guitar winter concert in MAC
December 10, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: orchestra winter concert in MAC
December 10, 11, and 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., and December 12 and 13, 2:00 p.m.: fall play performance in FABT

Overall Fine Arts Calendar Link:
http://www.austinschools.org/campus/mccallum/fine_arts/calendar.htm

Read more about MacTheater in the later article in this newsletter.

Don't forget Knight Sports:
Cross country:
October 16: 10/16 Cross country at AISD District Meet
October 26: Cross country at Texas A&M Corpus Christi for Regional Meet
November 7: Cross country in Round Rock for State Meet

Football:
October 16, vs. Bastrop at Bastrop
October 23, vs. Reagan at Nelson
October 30, vs. Travis at House Park
November 6, vs. Cedar Creek at Bastrop
http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/mccallum-knights-(austin,tx)/football/schedule.htm

Pep Rally and Spirit Days Schedules:
October 16: Spirit – Decades Day
October 23: Western Day
October 30: Halloween
November 6: Spirit – Nerd Day

Overall McCallum Sports Schedule link:
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ry-filled Fourth of July parade. We tried doing a neighborhood picnic in the park in May that was pretty sparsely attended, as have been most of the seminars.

But we'll keep it up, we won't give up, and your ANA will continue bringing you fun events and educational information. Your EC (Executive Committee) and extended committee leads and volunteers (representing us on topics ranging from safety to Land Development Code) will continue working tirelessly on your behalf. We will work to close out the Walmart lawsuit debt, we will work to ensure city hall decisions best reflect Allandale needs. We will have an active voice on the PUDs (Planned Unit Developments) so hotly contested at 45th and Bull Creek, and at MoPac and Spicewood Springs. All this effort, time, energy, and, dare we say love, is done in the spirit of ensuring Allandale is the best neighborhood it can be.

Someone who represented all these attributes is our outgoing ANA president, Kata Carbone. We thank you for all you have given to this neighborhood in the past year of your term as president, but also long before that, and hopefully long after (yes, we are buttering you up to keep helping Allandale!) Thank you, thank you, Kata, on behalf of 4,500 homes.

A simple way you can show your thanks and appreciation for all Kata has done, and all the rest of your EC has done and will continue to do, is to renew your membership yearly. Really. We'd love to get membership up beyond the 10% it is currently– less than 500 of 4500 homes. For $15 per calendar year (or $7 for seniors), your interests are represented by others. Appreciate that by going to http://www.allandaleneighbor.com/ and paying your dues today with the easy button right on the home page. ❖

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Neighborhood Watch

Laura DiCarlo, ANA Safety Chair, lhdicarlo@yahoo.com

Since the August newsletter, activities in which the Safety Committee has been engaged include:

- Prepared for and had National Night Out (NNO) parties
- Met about, reported and cleaned up graffiti
- Investigated the possibility of speed mitigation on Great Northern Boulevard
- Learned of and disseminated crime/safety information
- Trained two new block captains
- Communicated a citizen's concern and praise for Officer Metteauer to Commander Kurtis Krause

National Night Out (NNO)

This year's overall Austin NNO Kick-Off Event took place at Mueller Airport Lake on October 3, and included music, food, and safety themed vendors who gave out items to be put in goody bags for the NNO parties that occurred all over Austin on Tuesday, October 6. We had 17 parties in Allandale, and many were visited by safety personnel such as police officers, EMS, code compliance and fire fighters. Every year the evening proves to be a great way for folks to get out and be with neighbors as well as build relationships with first responders. If your block didn't have a party this year and you'd like to make sure one occurs next year, please let me know.

Graffiti, Burglary

Graffiti continues to be an ongoing battle, most notably at NW Park and the PONY field in particular. On August 3, I met with with Parks and Recreation Department personnel and an Allandale resident interested in helping eradicate graffiti at NW Park, and the plan was made to use park crews to paint over or clean up tags that take less than 30 minutes to eliminate. The Allandale Safety Committee will continue to make police reports and clean up graffiti as well.

An odd incident occurred in August when items that were identified as stolen from a house on Twin Oaks were discarded next to freshly painted graffiti on benches at the PONY field. I wanted to link the burglary and tagging but there was no way to prove this and there were no suspects in either case.

The good news, according to a September 15 article in the Statesman entitled "Task Force to Crack Down on Burglaries," is that Austin has a new burglary task force to improve our 11% solve rate, so hopefully burglaries will be investigated more thoroughly. The city budget also includes 500 body cameras and money for about 50 new officers but unfortunately does not include a graffiti detective.

Speed Mitigation on Great Northern Boulevard?

Due to safety concerns on Great Northern Boulevard, with cars speeding

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and pedestrians/bikers sharing the space, the safety committee has looked into the application process for speed mitigation requests. According to Steven Romero of the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program, funds are tight and plans may not get funded this year, but it makes sense to fill out the application. A resident who lives along GNB will be doing so since, according to the LATM section of the city's website, "you must live, work or own property along a street to request speeding mitigation for that street."

If the Allandale list-serv is any indication of neighborhood sentiment, some people are not happy with the speed humps on Foster, so we are looking for possibilities other than speed humps on GNB. Steven Romero was not hopeful that many other options are available, however, since we can't keep the speed trailer up, cameras have been problematic elsewhere, and there isn't room for traffic circles at the intersections.

Since the speed humps went in on Foster, a block captain asked how he can get them because people are cutting though his street now. It figures this would happen.

Crime Stats

Since the August newsletter there have been two burglary of residences (BORs), one on W. North Loop Boulevard and the other on Marilyn. The one on Marilyn was a staged home for sale and two TVs were stolen. There have been 12 burglary of vehicles (BOVs) since the end of July, four of which were at NW Park/Pool. In most cases wallets, purses, and computers were stolen. If you must leave any of these items in your car please hide them and do so before you get to the spot in which you leave your car.

Other police reports for the two months since the August newsletter indicate two auto thefts (on Northcross and Burnet), seven incidents of leaving the scene of a crash, four incidents of graffiti, two DWIs, 27 theft/theft by shoplifting, two robberies by assault at 2525 W. Anderson Lane, theft of auto parts on Nasco and Shoalwood, and numerous other incidents that can be seen at http://www.krimelabb.com/_nca1/view/v_neighborhood.php?neighborhood=allandale.

List-serv and Citizen Input

The topic of crime/safety came up on the Allandale list-serv in these areas:

- Questions regarding the validity of folks knocking on doors saying they were from AT&T
- Pros and cons of the new speed humps on Foster Lane
- Reporting of car break-ins on Joyce, Addison and Elise at the end of August (but I never saw a police report for the Elise case)
- Theft of lawnmowers in Crestview

During the September general ANA meeting, someone pointed out that when reporting burglaries APD often doesn't want to send an officer to investigate, so I

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Neighborhood Watch

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said I would find out to whom we should tell this concern. Our APD DR Officer Josh Metteaueur suggested our District 1 Commander, Commander Kurtis Krause, so I sent him an email asking him to speak to the officers.

I also shared concerns from a block captain with Officer Metteauer about a man seen hanging out in the area along the railroad tracks between GNB and 2222. Officer Metteauer let me know he would spot check the area and that he had broken up a camp under the 2222 bridge. I added thanks to Officer Metteauer for these efforts in my letter to Commander Krause.

As always, please contact me with questions, concerns, or if you are interested in getting involved with the safety committee. You can become a block captain, help remove graffiti, patrol, help plan and run Take 10 CPR training each February, and more!

Our APD District Representative:
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ANA Executive Committee Meetings

Held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at
7:00 p.m. & are open to the public. Join us!
Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Drive

Active Allandale – Runners are Good for the Hood!

Ashley Thompson, ACT Running, actrunning@gmail.com

As the endless heat of our Austin summer begins to wane and the humidity lessens, you are probably seeing more people taking to the streets and sidewalks to enjoy the outdoors. Every fall, the number of walkers and runners in Allandale increases as training season begins for the 3M Half Marathon (January) and the Austin Marathon (February). While the benefit of having runners and walkers in our neighborhood may not be obvious, they are a wonderful sign of a healthy neighborhood. In fact, pedestrians can be considered an "indicator species" of a strong neighborhood and should be encouraged.

The most obvious benefit of increased foot traffic is that people are actively work-

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ing on improving their physical health. Being surrounded by healthy behaviors has been shown to positively influence others. Once healthy behavior is seen as socially normal, it becomes contagious.

Fresh air has also been proven to improve mental health by offering stress relief, easing depression and increasing focus. Post-exercise, those pedestrians are more likely to be calmer on the road, have increased patience, and may even goes as far as smiling, waving and asking you about your family.

A healthy environment nurtures healthy people … and healthy people nurture their environment. Pedestrians often take care of their routes by picking up garbage along the way, raising downed garbage cans and reporting broken or unsafe conditions to 311.

Less obvious is how people running past your home can affect the neighborhood itself. Runners act as traffic calming devices; vehicles often slow down when approaching pedestrians, resulting in safer streets. Additionally, the habitual outdoor exercisers are the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. They notice when things are out of place and can tell when something looks suspicious. They act as a deterrent to crimes of opportunity or are on hand to be witnesses. As the old adage goes, joggers are the first to stumble upon the crime scene.

Above all, runners and walkers choose routes based on how they perceive their personal safety. If you see many on your street, it means you live in a lower crime area with, most likely, lower levels of traffic. The streets or sidewalks are probably well maintained and pleasant to be on. Extraordinary neighborhoods attract pedestrians.

Let's continue to foster a strong, healthy and safe community by being kind to pedestrians. Their health is good for all of us!

Sidebar FYI

Ever wonder why runners are in the street when there is a perfectly good sidewalk?

Two main reasons: Fewer obstacles to trip and fall over than on unpredictable sidewalks.

The jarring impact of asphalt on legs is less severe than on concrete.

ACT Running Etiquette

- Yield to anything bigger than you (including strollers, bikes, cars, trucks)
- Run toward traffic when on the street
- Stay to the right and pass on the left on sidewalks, giving fair warning before passing others
- Respect traffic signs and cross at crosswalks
- Stay fewer than two abreast when others are present (including bikes, cars) and single file when possible
- When running in the early or late hours, be aware of how loud your voice is
- If you must wear headphones, either keep one ear bud out or have the volume low enough that you can hear someone approaching you from behind
- Be a good neighbor: smile, wave and ask how your neighbors' family is

ACT Running's flagship program is called "Become a Runner," an eight-week session that uses scheduled walk breaks to gradually increase distance and endurance. Additional programs include Intermediate 5K and Half-Marathon training. ACT Running also offers a free Walking Club Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 6:00 -7:00 a.m. and is open to anyone interested in having a safe route to walk in the mornings. ACT Running meets most mornings at Ramsey Neighborhood Park with new sessions starting every eight weeks. More information at ACTrunning.com. ❖

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Allandale: One of the Best Neighborhoods in Austin for Young Professionals!

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Communication with Our City of Austin Council Member, Leslie Pool

Leslie Pool is well into her term as our District 7 representative and came to give Allandale an update at our early September General meeting. There she reported that the city council is currently focused on budgeting, a very complex but important process. She is carrying the health and human services initiatives. Pool reported they are still working to increase homestead exemption for seniors– trying to get it up to $77,000, from $70,000. She said she is publicly supporting a 3% raise for our city workers who have stepped up and been outstanding, especially with such a big change to our new 10-1 Council. She came back mid-September to hold a townhall at NW Recreation Center.

Pool is very open to feedback, and regularly communicates with us. If you want to sign up to receive her updates, go to this link: http://austintexas.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=51fd74872ddb16c5f022118b3&id=a087ad2232.

Or you can email Leslie and her staff to sign up, or to share any questions or comments, at District7@AustinTexas.gov. ❖

What about our own Pool? And Northwest Park Improvements?

Kata Carbone and Laura Beck

Our beloved Northwest Park –or officially Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park & Pool– is a little long in the tooth. We've seen, with envy and admiration, what can be done to improve a park with Ramsey Park just to our south. We have active neighbors interested in taking steps –even baby steps, one by one– to help lead improvement on NW Park. However, we have learned in these efforts that the pool –the cornerstone of the park– is in dire straits. Truly. Any efforts for other park improvement must follow pool plans and be coordinated with what will happen with the pool. We survived another summer without pool failure. Before summer 2016 is upon us, there are some things we can all do to help ensure our pool gets the attention it deserves and badly needs.

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) will be conducting

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a series of public forums and focus groups between now and December to give us the opportunity to provide feedback about pool aspects we currently enjoy and additional amenities we'd like to have.

According to Wayne Simmons, Aquatics Program Manager at Parks & Recreation Department and Laura Cortez, principal at Cortez Consulting Services who is supporting this effort, in their remarks to us at the ANA September General Meeting, this is Phase 2, community engagement and public meetings to capture feedback. However, locations and dates are still TBD. Watch the ANA website, http://www.allandaleneighbor.com/, for information as we have it.

Phase 2 followed the Phase 1 needs assessment which did identify NW Pool as critical, not operational within the next five years. Unfortunately, there are several pools in Austin in this same state. Our feedback, and voices raised in support of NW Park and its pool, can help make sure NW Pool is prominent in Phase 3, the aquatic master plan for the entire city, which will be developed by next summer. The ultimate goal is to have NW Pool and its needs a priority on the next bond, in 2017, so Austin can vote to support funding for NW Pool improvements.

Again, loud voices heard can help make NW Pool a priority! To learn more:

Aquatic assessment (search for the parts about NW pool)

http://www.austintexas.gov/department/aquatics-assessment. ❖

Enjoy Allandale—get to know your neighbors.

McCallum High School Theatre Opens 2015-2016 Season with Musical Revue Sondheim on Sondheim

Amy Hufford

Did you know we have high level musical theater productions at our local high school? MacTheatre, recently recognized by Playbill as one of the 23 "boldest high school theatre departments" in the country, begins its season October 15, with a tribute to Broadway innovator and creative genius Stephen Sondheim.

"Sondheim is the William Shakespeare of musical theatre," said show director and theater teacher Joshua Denning. "The conceptual layering present in each of his experimental musicals is simply unmatched in the canon on musical theatre."

In Sondheim on Sondheim, Sondheim's glittering show tunes hang from a framework of in-depth video interviews delving into his personal life and creative process. Two dozen of his works from shows including West Side Story, Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, Follies and Company will be performed by 30 students who prepared for the show over the summer by reading Sondheim's biography, absorbing his songs and learning about his works and process.

"I picked this show because I wanted our theater students to have the experience of mastering Sondheim's quick turn of phrase and intricate melodies," Denning said. "As much as the show is entertaining for the audience, it also represents the Olympic gold medal for the musical theater performer. Once you've sung Sondheim, you can sing anything."

The show opens on October 15 with performances Thursday through Sunday for two weeks at the new McCallum Arts Center at 5600 Sunshine Drive in central Austin. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at https://mactheatre.thundertix.com/events. Student and group tickets are $7; adults are $16 and seniors are $12.

In April, MacTheatre will debut Prospect High: Brooklyn before the show's off-Broadway opening in the spring. The show examines themes of apathy, revenge, friendship, trans acceptance, racism, self-harm and the power of teachers in giving good and bad advice.

"After much research, we chose 23 of the boldest high school theater departments from across the country to use this first-ever high school rolling world premiere of Prospect High: Brooklyn to recognize them and expose their power at a national level," said one of the show's creators Daniel Robert Sullivan.

More information on MacTheatre's 62nd season can be found at http://mactheatre.com/season/.

MacTheatre is one of many programs in McCallum's Fine Arts Academy, which was named as the number one 2015

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Allandale Residents: Your Feedback about The Grove is Requested

Kata Carbone

What would you like to see at The Grove at Shoal Creek? Let us know your three top features or areas of concern, for example:

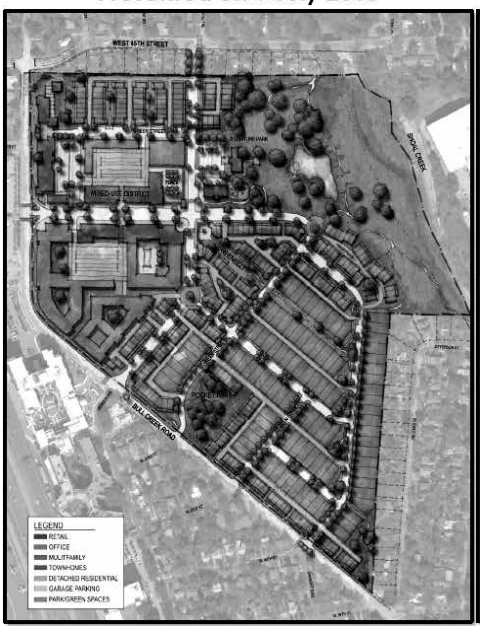
1. I support affordable housing
2. I'm concerned about drainage and flooding
3. I'd like to see an off-leash dog park

Please send email to hello.kata@yahoo.com or if you don't have email, drop a note to Allandale N.A., P.O. Box 10886 Austin, TX 78766-1886. Either way, please include your name and address (for residency verification only, not to be released).

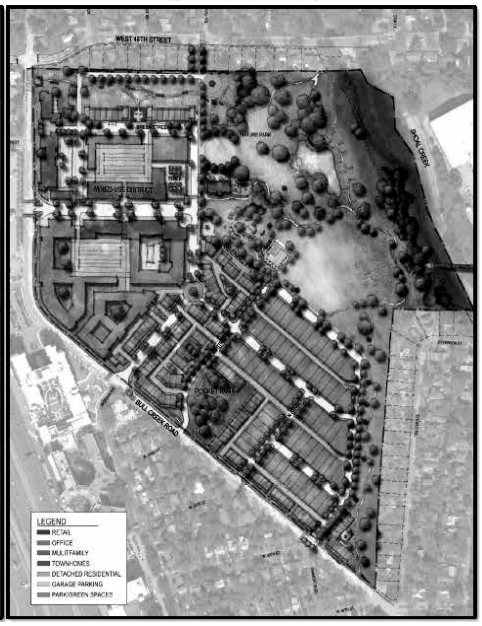
Background

The Grove at Shoal Creek is a mixed-use plan for commercial and residential development at Bull Creek Road and 45th Street (the ~75-acre former TxDoT site sold by the State of Texas last year to private developers). On July 9, The Grove presented a conceptual master plan for consideration (see diagram on the left and visit the Grove website http://www.thegroveatshoalcreek.com/blog/2015/7/10/july-9-planning-meeting-presentation for details).

MileStone Master Plan Presented on 9 July 2015

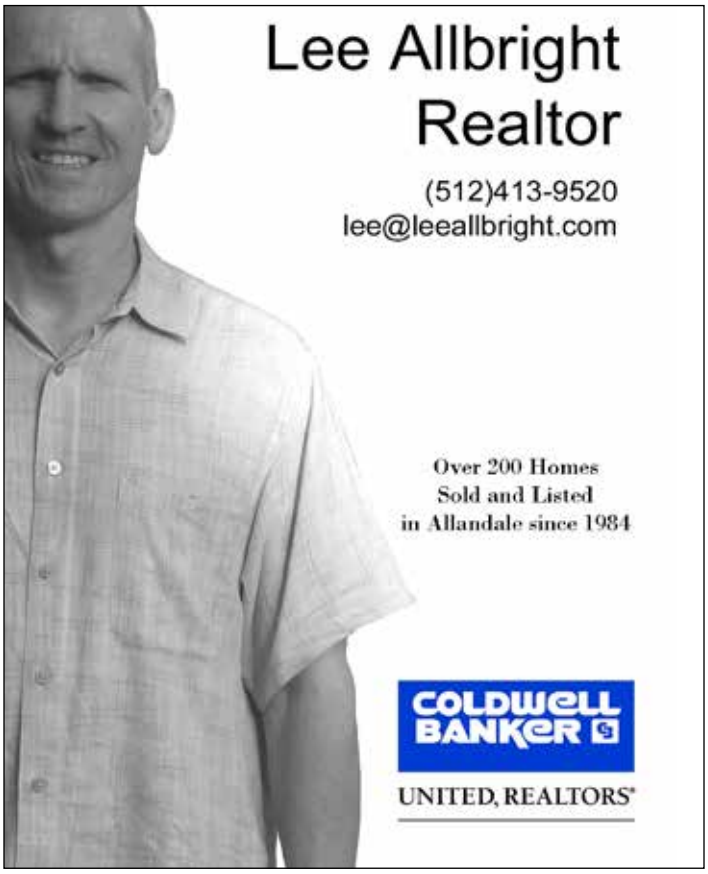


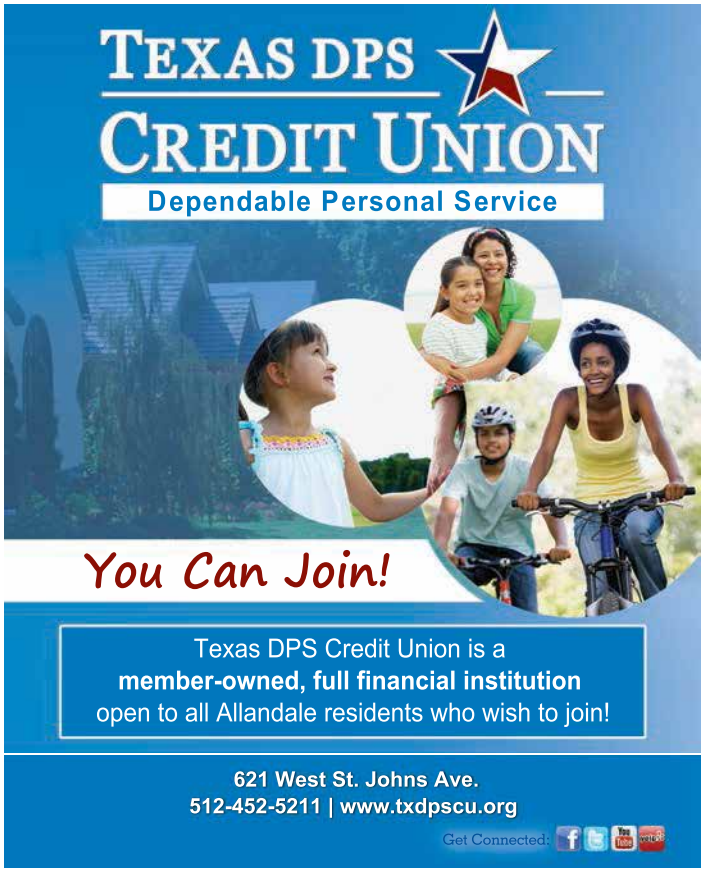
Modified Master Plan Addressing Community Priorities



The Bull Creek Road Coalition (BCRC) represents seven adjacent neighborhood associations –Allandale, Bryker Woods, Highland Park West-Balcones, Oakmont, Ridgelea, Rosedale, and Westminster Manor– united to help guide development that best meets the current and future needs of our communities. On July 29, the BCRC presented a modified master plan for consideration (see diagram on the right and visit the BCRC website http://www.bcrcatx.org/alt-vision for details).

Both concepts provide the basis for discussion as we move toward a shared vision for this significant development. All BCRC member neighborhoods welcome your input. ❖





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Fall Fun in the Hood!

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cupcake walk and petting zoo are always popular. But the haunted house, now in its fifth year, is truly outstanding, taking over the library and turning it into a spooky multiple room walk of fear. For the first time, the Gullett Fest haunted house will be open from noon to 4:00 p.m. with the rest of the fun; but then, after everything else closes, it will open back up from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come during the day, come back at night. Everything is affordably priced and again, open to the public. And oh do we have great food too! Gullett dads grill hotdogs and McCallum cheerleaders sell popcorn, but we also have Cloud Nine Cotton Candy, JimJims and Amy's Ice Cream. And this year, we will also have CraigO's for pizza, Easy Tiger for baked goods, Pitalicious sandwiches and Texas Chili Queens with yummy chili. Do not miss Gullett Fest, Saturday, October 24 from noon to 4:00 pm on school grounds, and then just the haunted house, again open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Not even one month later, head to LamarFest, Friday, November 13, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lamar has normal carnival games, and prizes and food, but it also has amazing live music throughout the night, from student performers. They will also add Laser Tag this year, in addition to the very popular bungee trampoline. My kiddos love the idea of a carnival at nighttime, and boy as a parent –of a fifth grader!– does LamarFest make those middle school kiddos look so old and grown up! More on LamarFest later in the update on Lamar. ❖

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